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SUBJECT: HOUPHOUET'S VIEWS ON RENEWING TIES WITH ISRAEL

1. AMBASSADOR MARCHAL, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO UPPER VOLTA RESIDENT IN ABIDJAN, TOLD ME JANUARY 10 THAT HOUPHOUET HAD CONTACTED GOWON AND KENYATTA PRIVATELY TO URGE THEY CONSIDER JOINING HIM IN RENEWING DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL AS SOON AS ISRAEL TOOK POSITIVE STEPS TO DISENGAGE IN SINAI.

2. MARCHAL ADDED THAT HOUPHOUET BOTH SKEPTICAL AND WARY CONCERNING ARABS' PROFESSED INTEREST ASSIST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ARAB OIL WEALTH. HOUPHOUET FEARS UNCOMFORTABLE IF NOT UNACCEPTABLE POLITICAL QUIDS FOR THE ECONOMIC QUOS.

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3. ABOVE VIEWS OF HOUPHOUET MAY BE ALREADY WELL KNOWN

TO DEPARTMENT. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT AMBASSADOR MARCHAL
NOT COMPLETELY OBJECTIVE SOURCE SINCE HE REPRESENTS
ISRAEL'S INTERESTS IN IVORY COAST. EASUM

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